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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1902

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

To be Voted at the General Election, November 4th.

For Representative in Congress from the first district:

STEPHEN M. SPARKMAN, Tampa.

For Secretary of State:

H. CLAY CRAWFORD, Tallahassee.

For Controller:

ALONZO C. CROOM, Brooksville.

For Justice Supreme Court:

W. A. HOCKER, Ocala.

For Railroad Commissioners:

R. HUDSON BURR, Little River.

For Members of the House of Representatives:

ALBERT W. GILCHRIST, Punta Gorda.

For Prosecuting Attorney:

H. S. PHILLIPS, Tampa.

For Tax Assessor:

FRANCIS M. COOPER, Punta Gorda.

For Collector:

JAMES D. SOUTHERLAND, Wauchula.

For County Treasurer:

FINIS E. PARKER, Arcadia.

For County Surveyor:

(Don't know.)

For County Commissioners:

ED F. BOSTICK, Wauchula, Dis. 1.

S. C. LARSEN, Charlotte Harbor, Dis. 2.

A. C. FREEMAN, Punta Gorda, Dis. 3.

H. C. WARE, Fort Ogden, Dis. 4.

W. W. LANGFORD, Arcadia, Dis. 5.

WM. KING, Avon Park, Dis. 6.

For Members of the Board of Public Instruction:

CYRUS JONES, Bowling Green, Dis. 1.

R. E. WIDDER, Arcadia, Dis. 2.

J. O. CARR, Fort Ogden, Dis. 3.

For United States Senator:

(To be chosen by the legislature.)

STEPHEN R. MALLORY, Pensacola.

Vote for the amendments.

Democrats next Tuesday should vote for every one of the nominees.

Voters of the county, from a sense of justice to Punta Gorda, should cast their ballots for A. C. Freeman for county commissioner.

So far as we know, there is nothing against Mr. Freeman's opponent save that he lives in Ft. Ogden, which town has the member of the school board. Fairness should give Punta Gorda the county commissioner by electing A. C. Freeman.

For county commissioner, vote for A. C. Freeman. He will serve the people faithfully and well.

The Democratic State campaign committee urges all Democrats to vote for the constitutional amendments, as they are absolutely necessary and were called for by the platform adopted by the Democratic State convention held in Jacksonville in June, 1900. This makes it the duty of all Democrats to support the amendments.

Senator Tallaferra has the sincere thanks of THE HERALD for an excellent and valuable map of the United States.

Democrats of DeSoto County who are loyal to their party should do all they can conscientiously to promote the election of Mr. Wm. King, nominee for county commissioner from District 5. He is the only candidate having opposition; hence, the importance of making an extra effort in his behalf.

Rev. J. C. Porter, editor of the Baptist Witness, recently had a dangerous surgical operation performed on him, the seventh rib being removed to permit the drainage of a diseased lung. At last accounts his condition was favorable. Thousands of friends throughout the State will pray for his recovery.

NEXT TUESDAY'S ELECTION.

Beyond the ratification of the proposed constitutional amendments, there does not seem to be anything of vital importance involved in the election which is to be held next Tuesday. The candidates of course would be gratified at receiving a large vote, and as it will put very few to much trouble or inconvenience, we trust the candidates will receive the desired gratification. Most of us voted for them to be candidates and therefore, most of us, if not all, ought to vote for them to be elected.

Indeed it is really the duty of every citizen to go to the polls and vote, whether there is any contest on or not. What is the use of having the right to vote, if you do not exercise it? and why should you not take as much interest in public affairs as any one else? Why should any citizen leave it wholly to his neighbors and others to choose officials who are to govern all?

If one man is right in staying away from the polls, so is another and so are all others; and if all refrain from voting, what would be the result?

You should go out and vote, even if you vote against some of the can-

didates. Show that you are a man and a citizen with a right to cast a ballot.

Outside of each individual's right to exercise the privileges of citizenship, no principle is involved in next Tuesday's election, not even in the question of adopting the proposed constitutional amendments. The question involved in the latter is simply one of expedience or public policy and need not provoke a quarrel between neighbors.

Sufficient reason, we think, has been given for the adoption of the amendments; but if more be needed, it may be stated that it is given out that interested parties are trying to secure the defeat of the amendments for the purpose of wearing out people who have just claims before the supreme court, which they would compromise or sacrifice rather than wait five years for a decision.

You see it is this way: suppose you sue a man for \$100 which he honestly owes you. If he is disposed to wrong you, he will take the case to the supreme court in the confident belief that you will compromise with him for \$50 rather than wait five years on the supreme court. And it is alleged that some people have lawyers hired by the year for this very purpose. If this be true, we had better all turn out at once and for the sake of justice and right vote for the amendments.

Most of the lawyers favor the amendments, and they ought to know. The Democratic State convention declared for them and Democrats, therefore, should vote for them.

The majority of the newspapers are opposing the amendments on the erroneous ground and supposition that the present judges are either indolent or incompetent, otherwise they would keep up with the work.

THE HERALD has it on the best authority that the judges are conscientious, diligent, pains-taking, hard-working, capable men and that their decisions rank high throughout the United States and are everywhere regarded as correct. Such being the case, the newspapers do not appear to have just grounds for their opposition to the amendments.

Let the amendments be adopted. Vote for them.

Vote for the entire ticket.

NO PREMIUMS ON PINEAPPLES.

THE HERALD is informed that the State Fair directors have offered no premium for the best pineapples. They have offered a premium for the best display of pineapples and that is all.

If this information is correct, then the small individual grower of pineapples has no inducement other than county pride for him to make a display at the fair. He may help out his county exhibit, but he can win no premium for himself.

This is a serious oversight on the part of the fair directors. They are said to offer premiums for the best oranges, the best grape fruit, best potatoes and best of every thing else, but nothing for the best pineapples.

In view of the great proportions to which the pineapple industry in Florida has grown, it should be recognized as one of the most valuable resources of the State and it should be encouraged accordingly.

If it is not too late, we trust the State Fair directors will amend their premium list in the interest of the pineapple growers by offering a sufficient number of premiums to insure an exhibit of pineapples that will delight all beholders.

PUNTA GORDA HIGH SCHOOL.

Report for the week ending Oct. 24, 1902.

First grade department—Enrollment 49, average attendance... 48.6

Second grade department—Enrollment 44, average attendance... 41.2

Third grade department—Enrollment 37, average attendance... 31.8

Fourth grade department—Enrollment 24, average attendance... 16.8

Fifth and Sixth grade department—Enrollment 32, average attendance... 28.

High School department—Enrollment 20, average attendance... 17.2

General average attendance... 183.6

Total Enrollment... 225

M. H. SMITH, Principal.

Oldest Tree in the World.

The Rev. W. Tuckwell in "Tongues and Trees and Sermons in Stones" says: "The oldest living tree in the world is said to be the Sema cypress of Lombardy. It was a tree forty years before the birth of Christ." But Alphonse Karr in his "Voyage Autour de Mon Jardin" says of the baobab (Adansonia digitata), "It is asserted that some exist in Senegal that are 5,000 years old."—Notes and Queries.

Superstition That is Ancient.

In many parts of Great Britain the superstition still survives that it is folly or madness to save a drowning man, as he will sooner or later do an injury to the rescuer. The superstition comes down from our ancestors, yet traces of it exist among the Sioux and other Indians, who seem to have inherited it from aboriginal sources. The belief is most prevalent in Cornwall and various parts of Scotland.

Willing to Go Without.

Henry Clews, perfectly bald, was once travelling on a western railroad. Sitting directly behind him was a coarse looking man with a rough shock of hair the color of brick dust.

Tapping Mr. Clews on the shoulder, the fellow remarked:

"Guess you wasn't around when they gave out the hair."

"Oh, yes," was the answer, "but I was a trifle late, and there was nothing left but that stuff you wear, so I told them I'd rather have none."—New York Times.

MILINERY OPENING.

The ladies of Punta Gorda, Charlotte Harbor and vicinities are cordially invited to attend our millinery opening, Thursday and Friday, November 6 and 7. Do not fail to see this elegant display of ladies' fall and winter hats. We are better prepared to fill your wants in this line than ever before. Be sure to come to the opening and leave your order. Respectfully,
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SHIPMENTS OF FISH.

For the week ending Wednesday night, Oct. 29, the following shipments of fresh fish were made from this point:

By freight—1 solid car and 8 barrels.

By express—6 cars, 113 barrels.

Total—6 cars, 116 barrels, amounting to 161,200 pounds.

Rains and gales have cut short the catch nearly one half.

TAXPAYERS MEETING CALLED.

Council Chamber,
Town of Punta Gorda, Fla.

At a special meeting of the town council held October 27, 1902, the clerk was ordered to issue invitation to the taxpayers of said town to meet the council in regular session Wednesday, November 5, 1902, at 7 o'clock p. m. to express their views relative to granting street railway and electric franchises to certain applicants for same.

W. B. HARDER, Town Clerk.

Services at the Episcopal Church.

Services at the Episcopal church Sunday and the week as follows:

11 a. m. Holy Communion and sermon.

4:30 p. m. Sunday school. Bible class for ladies and gentleman.

7:30 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon. Review of the Historical Subjects.

Monday 3 p. m. Woman's Auxiliary meets in the church.

Wednesday 3 p. m. Woman's Guild will meet at the residence of Mrs. Jameson.

Friday 4 p. m. Confirmation class.

Friday 7:30 p. m. Litany service.

T. J. PURDUE.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Fall millinery opening at Elliott's Thursday and Friday, Nov. 6 and 7.

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Northern Mail—Arrives 1:30 a. m. daily; departs 4:00 p. m. daily.

South Bound—Leaves Punta Gorda by boat for St. James, Sanibel, Punta Rassa and Myers at 7 a. m. daily except Sunday; returning arrives at 3 p. m.

Grove City and Englewood—Departs daily by boat at 7 a. m.; arrives at 3 p. m.

Charlotte Harbor and Harbor View—Departs daily by boat at 7 a. m.; arrives at 3:10 p. m.

JOSUA MIZELL, Postmaster.

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